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SCORE POOR PARTY WORK IN SHKODER AND DURRES DISTRICT

CRITICIZES CONTROL OF RESTAURANTS, STORES -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 11 Dec 51

The chief of the trade section of the Shkoder Executive Committee should be severely criticized for his failure to exercise proper control over the catering and food-selling establishments of the NTLUS (State Catering and Food-Selling Enterprise). The clubs and restaurants operated by the NTLUS have a number of defects, not the least of which is the lack of cleanliness. When questioned about the poor maintenance of certain restaurants, the managers frequently shrug their shoulders and exclaim "There are worse establishments than this one." Restaurant No 2, one of the busiest in Shkoder, has abominable service, and customers must wait an unreasonable length of time for their orders. In the club in the park opposite the Hotel Park the closing hour of 2100 hours is not observed largely because the director of the NTLUS establishments was the first to violate the regulation and to request special privileges.

The stores for the sale of fruits, vegetables, and staple groceries operated by the NTLUS are virtually empty. The only items regularly available from them are leek and onions.

The trade section of the Shkoder Executive Committee must devote some serious attention to the problem of improving conditions in the NTLUS restaurants, clubs, and food stores, for the public deserves far better service and treatment than it has been receiving. The trade section must establish effective control over the NTLUS undertakings, making wider use of the technique of holding different individuals personally responsible for specific tasks and obligations.

SCORE POOR PARTY WORK IN DURRES DISTRICT -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 6 Dec 51

By 30 November 1951, Durres district had achieved only 58.34 percent, instead of the planned 90.50 percent, of its quota for the collection of corn. The inadequate functioning of the Durres District Executive Committee of the Communist Party is the main cause of this failure. The committee, headed by Adem

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Balla, failed to carry out an effective informational campaign among the farmers, both before and during the harvest. The executive committee did not work in close enough cooperation with the primary party organizations of the different villages of the district. Committee chairman Adem Balla and the committee members gave the pretext that they had other important matters to attend to at the time.

Manifestations of the kulak spirit were still too plentiful. Farmers in such towns as Shenavlash, Luz i Math, and Luz i Vogel explained their failure to pursue the harvest campaign properly by affirming that "There is no corn. The harvest has failed." Towns such as Luze still attempt to justify their failure to remove local kulaks from positions of authority.

The members of the people's councils and the activists of the Front have the obligation of setting personal examples, if any collection campaign is to succeed. This has not happened in the Durres District. In Leka, for example, Vlash Prifti, chairman of the local corn collection agency, failed to set up an operational and time schedule for the various villages, in accordance with the time of ripening of the corn, and he did not send out collection agents in time or provide these agents with the proper materials. The chairman of the Executive Committee of Leka must also share the blame for this.

The Durres District committee still has time, before the corn collection campaign ends on 21 December, to analyze the causes of its failure and to revamp its method of functioning.

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